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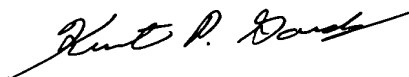
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- ☒ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of one or more non-English language reference cited herein appears in the Appendix attached hereto. See References 2 and 3.
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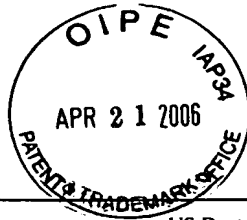
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